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In re the Application of: )  
FRANS J. WALTHER et al. ) Previous Group Art Unit: 1653  
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For: RESPIRATORY DISTRESS )  
SYNDROME THERAPY WITH PEPTIDE )  
ANALOGS OF HUMAN SP-B )

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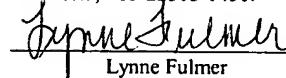
This is a divisional of co-pending application serial no. 09/515,356, filed on February 29, 2000. The priority of the prior application is expressly claimed, and the disclosure of each of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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